

MAY 90

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Please complete and return the following questionnaire for our reference file on May Show artists.

FULL NAME: Martin Herbert Krege PRESENT POSITION violinmaker

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: January 30.1933 ,Berlin Germany

CATEGORY/PRIMARY MEDIA:

ART TRAINING (Schools, Scholarships, etc.): pupil of Curt Jung,Berlin

EXHIBITIONS IN WHICH YOUR WORK HAS BEEN SHOWN (include location and year):

Never exhibited any of his works

COLLECTIONS THAT NOW INCLUDE YOUR WORK:

all in family

AWARDS:

none

We would appreciate having a statement about your philosophy and work as an artist—either general or something specific about the piece(s) selected for this year's May Show to aid us in the preparation of gallery talks and in the release of publicity materials. For more space, use the back of this sheet.

I started working with wood as a child when I learned to use the jigsaw and I have never stopped loving to work with wood ever since, what also led to my becoming an instrument-maker. For me it is a constant challenge to create new beautiful things from wood. This is my first dulcimer where I combined marquetry with instrument-making.

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Martin H. Krege.

After graduating from school at age 14 (1947) he worked for a cabinet-maker. He served his apprenticeship in violin-making and instrument-repairing as pupil of Curt Jung, the successor of the famous Otto Moeckel, in Berlin (1948-51). 1951-53 he learned guitar-making by "Roger" in Berlin. From 1953 till 1955 he repaired mostly double-basses by Anton Pilar. 1955 he took a job in Bavaria where he worked for the brother of Ernst Heinrich Roth in Bubenreuth on new violins. In 1956 he came to Cleveland to work for Roth. From 1957 till 1988 he worked for the Ford Motor Company in Brookpark and is now retired to pursue his interest in instrument-making, music marquetry etc.

Even as an employee for Ford he has never ceased to work in his profession as a violinmaker. He had a business in Cleveland and Hinckley. He repairs instruments and occasionally builds a violin. He made over 50 instruments in his own name. Presently he is making dulcimers. He also makes cases for his instruments.